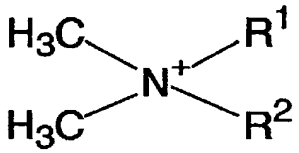
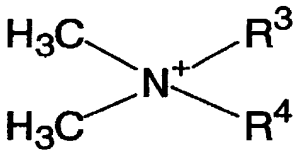
ABSTRACT

The present invention provides a gel composition capable of maintaining a high viscosity controlling ability over a wide polarity range from a low to a high polarity and also capable of exhibiting an excellent viscosity stability over a prolonged period as well as such nail enamel. The composition comprises cation-modified clay mineral, wherein cations of said cation-modified clay mineral comprise quaternary ammonium cation represented by Formula (I):



... (I)

wherein R^1 is a C_{1-9} alkyl group, a phenyl group or a C_{7-9} aralkyl group and R^2 is a C_{10-36} alkyl group, and Formula (II):



... (II)

wherein R^3 and R^4 are independent from each other and each representes a C_{10-36} alkyl group. Preferably, said cation-modified clay mineral comprises cation-modified clay minerals A and B whose cations are Cations (I) and (II) respectively in a weight ratio of A:B from 55:45 to 99.9:0.1.